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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP(BIN SHAKER, LT. GEN. ZAYD)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF JORDANIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

1. JORDANIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LT. GEN. BIN SHAKER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON TO ATTEND THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (JMC) MEETINGS AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WHICH START ON MONDAY, JUNE 19.

2. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS WITH DOD (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL) GEN. BIN SHAKER HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HAVING SOME APPOINTMENTS IN DEPARTMENT, AS HE HAS DONE ON PREVIOUS VISITS.

3. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN. BIN SHAKER, I SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ONE AFTERNOON FOR HIM IN THE DEP SIKTTOUX TO INCLUDE APPOINTMENT WITH NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUDNERS, AND IF POSSIBLE, A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY SAUNDERS. BIN SHAKER WOULD ALSO WELCOME CALL ON ATHERTON IF CONVENIENT.

4. IF SECRETARY VANCE HAS A FEW MINUTES AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE A COURTESY CALL FROM BIN SHAKER, I AM SURE BIN
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SHAKER WOULD BE PLEASED. HE HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS WITH THE SECRETARY AND IS NOT ASKING FORMALLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT. BIN SHAKER SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS IF DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE MAKE EVEN SHORT CALL IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WOULD BE PLEASED AND HONORED TO CALL ON HIM.

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5. BIN SHAKER IS THINKING OF MAKING SOME CALLS ON CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES, WHICH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SALAH WILL BE ARRANGING. HE HAS MENTIONED POSSIBLE CALLS ON ZABLOCKI AND HAMILTON IN HIRC BUT IS UNCERTAIN REGARDING FIGURES IN SENATE HE MIGHT USEFULLY CALL ON. I SAID I THOUGHT AMBASSADOR PICKERING MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEAS ON SUBJECT WHEN HE RETURNS AT END OF MAY. BIN SHAKER ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF A CALL ON BRZEZINSKI AT NSC, AS HE HAS DONE ON PREVIOUS VISITS.

6. BIN SHAKER PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY, JUNE 17, AND REST ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18. HE WILL ATTEND OPENING JMC MEETINGS AND UNDERTAKE APPOINTMENTS JUNE 19 AND 20. HE IS INVITED ABOARD NAVY CARRIER JUNE 21 - 22 AND PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER APPOINTMENTS JUNE 23. HE PREFERS TO DEPART WASHINGTON SATURDAY, JUNE 24 FOR OTHER PORTION OF HIS TRIP. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT JUNE 20 OR JUNE 23 WOULD BE BEST DATES FOR DEPARTMENT VISIT, DEPENDING, OF COURSE, ON JMC AND DOD APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE9

7. COMMENT: BIN SHAKER'S PRIMARY MISSION ON VISIT IS TO FIRM UP DETAILS OF CURRENT U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AT SAME TIME, BIN SHAKER IS ONE OF KING HUSSEIN'S CLOSEST ADVISORS AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REPORTING BACK ON GENERAL POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN U.S., WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR

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DEPARTMENT TO SCHEDULE A USEFUL ONE-HALF DAY FOR HIM AND I KNOW THAT AMBASSADOR PICKERING SHARES THIS VIEW.
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